

CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

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1. A remote broadcast listening apparatus, comprising:
a telephone communication system,
a plurality of receiver means for receiving broadcasts of electromagnetic waves and for converting the received broadcasts into signals transmissible over said telephone communication system, wherein said receiver means are connected to said telephone communication system,
a central station assembly means, connected to said telephone communication system, for receiving telephone-communication-system transmitted signals from said receiver means and for sending control signals to said receiver means by way of said telephone communication system, and
customer interface unit means, connected to said telephone communication system, for accessing said central station assembly means and for receiving signals from said receiver means through said central station assembly means.

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2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said telephone communication system includes a conventional telephone communication system.

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3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said receiver means include:
an AM tuner assembly for tuning in amplitude modulated radio broadcast signals,

an FM tuner assembly for tuning in frequency modulated radio broadcast signals, and

control and processing equipment for converting received broadcast signals into telephone-communication-system compatible signals.

a 4. The ^{system} ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein said receiver means further include:
a volume control assembly, connected to said control and processing equipment, for controlling volume of said telephone-communication-system compatible signals.

a 5. The ^{system} ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein said receiver means further include:
a treble control assembly, connected to said control and processing equipment, for controlling treble of said telephone-communication-system compatible signals, and
a bass control assembly, connected to said control and processing equipment, for controlling bass of said telephone-communication-system compatible signals.

a 6. The ^{system} ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein said receiver means further include:
mass storage means, connected to said control and processing equipment, for storing received broadcast signals.

a 7. The ^{system} ~~apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein said receiver means further include:
a TV tuner assembly for tuning in television broadcast signals.

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8. The ~~apparatus~~ ^{system} of claim 1 wherein said receiver means further include:
a SW tuner assembly for tuning in short wave broadcast signals.

9. A method for providing remote broadcasts to a consumer, comprising
the steps of:

making a telephone call to a central station assembly means using a
telephone communication system,

directing the central station assembly means to access a remote
broadcast receiver means using the telephone communication system,

converting a remotely received broadcast to telephone-
communication-system-compatible signals, and

sending the telephone-communication-system-compatible signals over
the telephone communication system to the consumer.

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